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Campus rings with sounds of construction



Work continues to progress rapidly on the addition to the Business Administration Building. Good weather has put the project ahead of schedule.

Construction firms working on Bowling Green's campus can't complain. It has been an ideal spring for kicking off \$15 million worth of grounds and facility improvement projects to begin over the summer.

"There is going to be a lot of work going on around here this summer, probably more than usual," Lance Teaman, associate architect, said. "Due to the good weather, some projects in progress are already ahead of schedule."

Construction of the \$3.6 million addition to the Business Administration Building began April 1 and is progressing "extremely well," according to Teaman. The contractors originally estimated the project would require 16 months to complete, but recently reported to the University it might be finished in 12 months. "The only real problem they've had is finding new brick to match the original, and now that's been solved," Teaman said.

Expansion and renovation of parking lots A and G is also "slightly ahead of schedule." Although the \$350,000 project will not alleviate the University's parking shortage, Teaman said lot G will almost double in size and approximately 145 spaces will be added to the combined area.

While the building addition and parking lots are two of the campus's more visible construction sites, a number of other improvement projects will get underway this summer. Robert McGeein, capital planning, said in terms of dollar value and the number of people affected by changes to their areas, the amount of construction work being done this summer is above average.

"We're entering a period of five to eight years of a higher level of project activity on campus," he said. "The

funding and paperwork have come together on a number of projects allowing us to proceed with plans."

Other capital improvement projects include the long-awaited \$2.6 million Williams Hall renovation to begin later this month. Teaman said a variety of reasons delayed the project originally scheduled to begin last year, including bidding it three times and reworking the plans to reduce costs.

Expected to be completed in 12 to 14 months, renovation includes new office space for graduate students and faculty, new windows and a new roof and installation of an elevator. The upper floors in the rotunda will be removed to create a multi-level atrium.

Continued good weather also should allow workmen to put the final touches on the Jerome Library exterior deck. Extensive work has been done on the steps and railings, as well as waterproofing the area.

Numerous roofing and minor interior projects will be conducted at various buildings this summer. Teaman said the Technology Building is at the top of the list for roof replacement, along with Kohl Hall and the Education Building. At the same time, Kohl Hall will undergo asbestos abatement.

"Our office is being overrun with auxiliary improvement projects and local construction improvements," Teaman said. "We're being besieged with a lot of little requests. Unfortunately there is not enough money to go around for all of them."

One auxiliary project receiving funding is the Ridge Street "drop off point" in front of the Student Recreation Center. The \$80,000 improvement alters the street to provide vehicles an area to pull into to drop off passengers. The project is expected to be finished by August 1 and should relieve some traffic congestion along the street.

Also in development stages this summer is the Conklin Plaza, located north of Conklin Hall. Teaman said landscaping and a gazebo are planned for the area to turn it into a "mini park." Tennis and volleyball courts, plus a fitness area are scheduled to be in place by August.

Interior remodeling is scheduled during the summer months for the Physical Science Building where a research area will be renovated for use by Bowling Green's new Eminent Scholar, Dr. Michael A.J. Rodgers, who will arrive in January. Remodeling will also take place in the Life Science Building for a new microscope laboratory.

"We're pleased with the variety of projects taking place here this summer," McGeein said. However, renovations to the University Union will not take place this summer as he had hoped. Expansion plans were bid at double the estimated budget so the project was terminated. McGeein said plans are now being examined to modernize the lobby and Falcon's Nest.



Drivers will find it easier to drop off and pick up passengers at the Student Recreation Center once construction is completed on the "Ridge Street drop off" in August. The Sam Adams Construction Company of Toledo is handling the \$80,000 project.

Business program awarded \$4,000 for second year

The College of Business Administration and its nationally recognized program in production, purchasing and materials management have received a \$4,000 grant from the Allied Signal Corporation Foundation.

Dr. Dwight Burlingame, vice president for University relations, said the gift recognizes the outstanding reputation of both the program and the college, noting that funds will be shared equally.

This is the second consecutive year the Allied Signal Corporation Foundation has awarded a grant to the University, according to Dr. Robert Patton, dean of the College of Business Administration. He said the funds are used for scholarships to attract top students and to support faculty research.

Students from Bowling Green's production, purchasing and materials management program are recruited and employed by major firms all over the country, according to Dr. Peter Pinto, chair of the management department, which houses the program. Among the most rigorous undergraduate programs in the nation, it recently received Academic Challenge funds from the Ohio Board of Regents for further enhancements.

Pinto noted that Allied Signal Corporation has recruited Bowling Green's production, purchasing and materials management students for the past 10 years. "They have been very pleased with our students. Many of them have advanced to significant positions within the Allied firm," he said.

Allied Signal Corporation is headquartered in New Jersey and has subsidiaries in Elyria and Fostoria.

Third briefing planned

The third in a series of Technology Transfer Briefings sponsored by the McMaster Leadership Institute will be held from 8-9:30 a.m. on June 23 at the Mileti Alumni Center.

Dr. John Sinn, manufacturing technology, will discuss productivity improvement in aging manufacturing facilities. Sinn has worked with several Ohio companies to achieve such results.

Karen Bunting, institute director, said the briefings are designed to transfer University research findings to the surrounding business community.

The institute, created a year ago with a \$1 million gift from Harold and Helen McMaster of Perrysburg, provides advice for profit and growth to the scientific and technical industry.

Additional information and registration for the free program are available at the institute at 372-6819.

Staff added

Two new classified staff members joined the University last month. They are **Raymond Abair**, electronic technician, biological sciences, and **Margaret Downey**, clerical specialist, placement services.

Faculty/Staff Positions

The following faculty positions are available:

Finance and Insurance: Assistant/associate professor of finance and/or insurance. Contact Stephen D. Skomp (2-2520). Deadline: Dec. 1.

Political Science: Professor and chair. Contact Roger C. Anderson (2-2924). Deadline: Oct. 31.

The following administrative staff positions are available:

Architect's Office: Interior design coordinator. Contact Linda L. Hamilton (2-2558). Extended deadline: June 22.

Computer Services: Systems programmer. Contact John Gruber (2-2911). Deadline: July 1.

Development Office: Associate director of development. Contact Linda Hamilton (2-2558). Deadline: June 15.

Development and Alumni Affairs: Director of development. Contact Dwight F. Burlingame (2-2708). Deadline: June 15.

Intercollegiate Athletics: Assistant sports information director. Contact Sports Information director (2-2401). Deadline: June 4.

Minority Affairs: Director, minority programs and activities. Contact Linda Hamilton (2-2558). Deadline: July 3.



Dan Parratt (left) and Lew Johnson, both of Environmental Services, examine some of the new equipment in the industrial hygiene laboratory officially opened in Shatzel Hall last week. Johnson said the new laboratory will be used primarily for analysis and quality control of chemical agents commonly found in the campus environment which are being studied by Environmental Services.

Chemistry books finding new homes

"Project Bookshare," a joint effort of the University and the American Chemical Society to provide free chemistry texts to needy colleges throughout the world, has developed into a mountainous success.

As the project's clearing house, Bowling Green has received and cataloged in the past two years more than 114,000 pounds of chemistry books and journals, all donated by individuals and corporations, who also pay for shipping costs to the University. Through the first three months of 1987, some 15,000 pounds of materials have been added to the burgeoning supply.

Supervising the processing of these mountains of texts is Ellen Dalton, chemistry, who is aided by several

student assistants. Working from request forms sent to eligible colleges, the small staff has responded to 96 applicants in the United States and 42 overseas.

Collectively, the list of receiving countries reads like a roll call of the United Nations: Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Peoples Republic of China, Peoples Republic of Congo, Costa Rica, Egypt, Ghana, Guatemala, Jamaica, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, United States and Venezuela.

In numerous cases where colleges cannot afford the cost of shipping the materials to them, Dalton said such expenses have been defrayed by the U.S. Information Agency, the Foundation for books to China, Books for Asia and the International Centre for Theoretical Physics, a branch of UNESCO.

While the Washington-based American Chemical Society and Bowling Green have tried to spread the word on "Project Bookshare" through a variety of notices to professional organizations, Dalton said the program has probably been helped most by word of mouth.

Among many examples she cites American Smelting and Refining Co., a Columbus company which was going out of business. An employee lamented to a neighbor about the impending waste of throwing away the firm's library of chemistry materials. The neighbor happened to work for Chemical Abstracts, a major source for publication of abstracts from chemistry journals, and the firm contacted Dalton. When ASARCO was unable to pay the cost of shipping its journals, Chemical Abstracts donated the services of a truck and two employees to deliver the load of materials to Bowling Green...on a Saturday.

Return overdue books

Faculty and administrative staff with books overdue from May 8 are reminded that they will be billed for the replacement costs and processing fees of the materials if not returned or renewed by June 16.

Questions about charges, returns or renewals can be directed to the supervisor-on-duty at Jerome Library, 372-2051, or at the Science Library, 372-2591.

Self-nominations sought

Classified Staff Council is seeking self-nominations from classified staff interested in serving on an ad hoc committee researching sick leave. Nominations can be sent to CSC, P.O. Box 91, University Hall.

Hand in forms

The Personnel Welfare Committee of Classified Staff Council would like classified staff who have attended the showing of the H.B. 309 video presentation to please return their white handouts with their comments. Forms can be returned to CSC, P.O. Box 91, University Hall.

No jobs posted

There are no classified jobs to be posted this week.